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Schaloen Castle, near the City of Valkenburg, in Limburg, The Netherlands. The Castle was first mentioned in 1375; it was destroyed by the Spanish army in 1575; rebuilt in 1650 and restored in 1894. Presently it houses a Museum, a Hotel and a Restaurant. More on Valkenburg on pages 20 –21.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

The following upcoming Neerlandia Functions and Events will be organised by Neerlandia at the Rhein Donau Club in Myaree.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months.

For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger advertisements inside this magazine or contact the appropriate person of the Sub-organisation concerned as displayed on page 27.

March 2017:

Fri 31 March **Maas & Waal Borrel Night** 5.30pm
(Details on pages 8 & 9)

April 2017:

Sunday 2 **Sunday Klaverjas Drive** 11am
(Additional details on page 19)

Monday 3,10,24 **Hollandia Billiard Club** 10am
(Additional details on page 23)

Wed 5,12,19,26 **Wednesday Card Club** 10am

Thurs 6,13,20,27 **Thursday Night Card Club** 7pm

Sun 9 **Neerl. Easter Brunch** Doors open 10.30pm
(Details on page 11)

Wed 5,19 **Wednesday Bingo** 11am
(Additional details on page 16)

Thurs 13,27 **Neerlandia's Seniors Club** 10am
(Additional details on page 10)

Fri 28 **Orange Maas&Waal Borrel Night** 5.30pm
(Additional details on page 8 & 9)

Sun 30 **Neerlandia Kid's Function** 11am—4pm
(Details on page 11)

May 2017:

Sunday 7 **Sunday Klaverjas Drive** 11am
(Additional details on page 19)

Monday 8,15,22,29 **Hollandia Billiard Club** 10am
(Additional details on page 23)

Wed 3,10,17,24,31 **Wednesday Card Club** 10am

Thurs 4,11,18,25 **Thursday Night Card Club** 7pm

Wed 3,17,31 **Wednesday Bingo** 11am
(Additional details on page 16)

Thurs 11,25 **Neerlandia's Seniors Club** 10am
(Additional details on page 10)

Sun 14 **Mother's Day Brunch** 12.30pm
(Details on page 11)

Fri 26 **Maas & Waal Borrel Night** 5.30pm
(Details on page 8 & 9)

Clubhouse details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein Donau Club for all their activities.

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Members on second last page.

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President's Report



Medelanders,

I would like to welcome the Hollandia Billiard Club to Neerlandia as a sub-Club; Hollandia

Members play Snooker each Monday morning in the RDC.

If you are interested to join, please refer to the page 23 of this magazine for contact details.

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with preparations now in full swing for our next set of activities. We have been able to confirm the Easter Brunch (more details on page 11 of this magazine), Mother's Day Lunch, the Neerlandia Annual Dinner, the Magical Kids' Afternoon and the April Oranje Maas & Waal Borrel, when we will again have the Kids' "Vrijmarkt", which was such a success last year.

Also, I understand that Members have asked what happened with the proceeds of the sale of our Clubhouse. Please let me explain.

The sale price, which was in excess of \$2M, is subject to a commercial disclosure. The Committee accepted a proposal by the purchaser for Vendor Terms, which included an attractive

interest rate that will be reviewed in 3 years time.

The balance of the proceeds have been invested in a fixed term deposit at current market rates. This will give the Committee time to investigate and formulate a long term investment strategy. The net proceeds of the current investment will be distributed amongst Membership through sponsored functions and through sponsoring Neerlandia sub-Clubs: All sub-Clubs were invited to submit their preferred sponsored activity and consequently the Neerlandia Committee received realistic and entertaining proposals. Each proposal will be considered.

Thanks to the hard work that Machiel and Lianna have done over the last few weeks, we were able to submit an application for the annual Telstra Kids' Grant. If successful, this grant would be a start to Neerlandia's structured Kids' entertainment program, a necessity for our focus on the future. Thank you guys.

All in all, things are looking good.

Cheers,

Eric van Waaijenburg.

**THIS MONTH WE WELCOME
FIVE PROPOSED NEW
MEMBERS FOR THE
DUTCH SOCIETY
NEERLANDIA.**

**Joan Hill
Hank Mast
Brian Eamer
Helen Levy
Rod Levy**



Neerlandia's "Winkel Wieg" only at the M&WB.

A Memoriam to a Foundation and Life Member

**In Memoriam:
Karel Nissen.**

*On the 3rd of March,
one of Neerlandia's
Foundation and Life
Members, Karel*

*Nissen, passed away
after a long illness.
I had the pleasure of
knowing Karel well, as
he not only was my tax
accountant, but his*

*office was opposite the
Pert Zoo Entrance. We also spent many
years together on the Neerlandia Committee;
played Klaverjas together at Neerlandia on
Thursday Nights; were both Members and
were Prins of the Sandgroper Carnival
Club; and we played Snooker at the
Hollandia Billiard Club for many years.
These were all great times.*

*In 2013 Karel wrote an article for the
Neerlandia Magazine and following, in his
own words, are some of the details of his
involvement with the wider Dutch
Community in Perth. Editor.*

**Profile of a Past-President, written by the
late Karel Nissen.**

As a hobby I loved playing Draughts and became President and Secretary of the King Damas Draughts Club.

It was in that capacity, that I became involved in the wider Dutch Community. During the 1950 and sixties Perth had a vast number of Dutch organisations and as early as 1965, attempts were made to work together in order to obtain a Clubhouse for the entire Dutch Community. But those attempts failed.

But in 1969 another attempt was made, this time by the Dutch Consul in WA, who took the initiative and he invited representatives from all Dutch clubs to a meeting.

I represented the King Damas Draughts Club.

Agreement was reached to publish a combined monthly magazine and to take over a church periodical called "Contact", which had an accumulated debt of \$800.00.



An Interim Neerlandia Committee was formed on the 24th of June 1969, that consisted of Nico Feddema, President; Pieter Leeftang, Secretary; and Karel Nissen, Treasurer.

The three of us were the **Foundation Office Bearers** and it was also the beginning of the Dutch Society Neerlandia as you all know it and my involvement with it.

But after a while I had to give my Committee function away, to concentrate on family and business. But in 1991, I returned once again to the Committee, when I was nominated and elected as Neerlandia's President, a position I held for 4 years. It was not easy dealing with very independent and strong-headed Committee Members, but Neerlandia fared well in my first two years. But ongoing, extensive restorations and improvements in the lounge and the hall such as heating and air-conditioning projects took their toll and expenditure had to be reigned in drastically. In 1995 I did not renominate and left the Committee.

Meanwhile Ria and I had joined the Carnival's Club "the Sandgroppers". We also joined the Card Club Neerlandia and attended their weekly card evening for many, many years.

But in 2001 I re-joined the Committee once again, this time as Treasurer, a position I held for 9 years until 2010.

In the end, I had no option but to resign, due to ill health.

Written by the late Karel Nissen in 2013.

From Foundation Member to President and Treasurer, Karel had a long involvement with the Dutch Society Neerlandia, an involvement we should all honour and remember. He is gone, but he will not be forgotten.

Heartfelt Condolences from the Committee and Members of the Dutch Society Neerlandia to Ria, Fiona, Yvonne, Helen, Tanya and their families.

Karel, Rest in Peace.

Editor, Pieter Leeftang.

Time for a passport renewal?

On a yearly basis the Consulate-General of the Netherlands in Bondi Junction accepts over 5.000 Dutch Passport and Visa applications.



The Consulate-General is now the only place in Australia, where you can renew your Passport. Since our staff would like to help everyone coming from all over Australia as efficiently as possible, you will have to make

an appointment, using your internet.

The Passport application will be sent to the Netherlands for further processing and printing. This process takes about 4 weeks.

In case of urgency, this process can be shortened to 2 weeks at an additional cost of approximately \$71.40 AUD depending on currency rates.

The new Passport for adults has a validity of ten years. The Passport for minors (under 18) still has a validity of five years.

Only have Dutch citizenship?

Please bring your proof of valid stay in Australia.

Nowadays, the Australian Department of Immigration of Border Protection does not provide visa labels in Passports anymore. However, for a Dutch Passport renewal you have to bring proof of valid stay in Australia, a so called VEVO (Visa Entitlement Verification Online).

You can obtain a (free) VEVO by going to <https://www.border.gov.au/Busi/Visa> or call 131881.

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East Victoria Park WA 6101





"Being Dutch" is a column written by Antoinetta. This Dutch lady currently lives with her English husband in Canada and explains to foreigners what it is to "Being Dutch". We hope that you enjoy her columns as much as we do.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands.



King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands holds a traditional drink called "Rincon Punch" during "Dia di Rincon" celebrations in Rincon, Bonaire on April the 30th.

Although the Netherlands is the largest and wealthiest part, the Kingdom of the Netherlands is actually comprised of four constituent countries – all of which have equal status.

Along with the Netherlands itself, the Members are Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten, each of which has King Willem-Alexander as its Head of State and its own Parliament.

Three further Caribbean islands, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, are administered as Municipalities of the Netherlands and as such, inhabitants are Dutch Citizens with the same rights and responsibilities.

Until 2010, all the Caribbean islands, with the exception of Aruba, were part of the Dutch Antilles – an entity that was dissolved and its residents given the choice of independence or integration.

Stuff Dutch People Like is a column written by a non-Dutch correspondent living in the Netherlands. This amusing column observes the Dutch in their everyday life.

We hope that you enjoy reading Stuff Dutch People Like as much as we do.

The blog is available via the internet.



Sinks with only cold water.

After many a year living in the lowlands I've made some serious progress in deciphering the Dutch: I've mastered the art (and pronunciation) of "gezelligheid", I've gotten used to the constant presence of Dutch directness, agendas and red pants. Heck, you might even find me with the curtains wide open and chewing on drop.

However, there is one mystery that continues to evade me. One particularity I can't seem to get a straight answer on: "Why the heck can you only find *cold water* in Dutch toilet sinks?!?"

Why my friend, why?? Why is there that one lonely tap? And why is its only job to provide glacial H2O?"

What could possibly be the logical explanation behind said torture?

I would LOVE to think there is something else going on here. Something else other than the obvious: Sheer Dutch ~~cheapness~~ "thriftiness". So please, someone (anyone!) fill in the blanks here and give me another plausible explanation. Don't tell me that the Dutch are really so incredibly cheap that they are worried about those extra few cents in providing their guests with warm water to wash their hands.

If so, then I'm afraid I've lost all hope for these peeps!

I can understand the argument that in those charming old canal houses and cosy brown cafés the ancient plumbing doesn't allow for much.

But head to a newly built apartment, restaurant or even a modern office tower in Amsterdam's WTC, enter the toilet and you are still destined to find only icy water flowing from those shiny

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new taps.

Now folks, you are probably reading this and thinking: "What's the big deal here?"

And I'm here to tell you: "It is a big deal! This flat, peculiar little country spends a lot of its time being grey and cold and wet and the simple act of washing your hands without gasping from the arctic temperature goes a long way on a Dutch winter's day!"

Am I alone in this one? Is it that Dutch hands are simply more resistant to the cold? If you grow up dousing your hands in ice water multiple times a day, do you then no longer feel the cold? And what about basic hygiene? Does cold water really do the trick?

Tiny sinks for big people.



Don't even get me started on the size of these tiny sinks! They are normally less than 10 inches wide and 5 inches deep, which essentially is useful for washing one finger at a time (especially for those freakishly tall Dutch folk)!

Perhaps my concerns fall on deaf ears.

Perhaps Dutch people have never known the luxury of washing their hands in warm water. Perhaps when they travel abroad and wash their hands in warm water for the first time, their hearts are suddenly filled with joy and find themselves starting to hum for no reason!

Perhaps, one day they will take this civilized behaviour back to the lowlands.

Perhaps...

IN LOVING MEMORY

Sincere Condolences to the Families and Friends of those, who passed away, from the Committee and Members of the Dutch Society Neerlandia.

Passed away on the 23rd of February.

Chris Michielsen

A long-time Neerlandia Member.
Sincere Condolences from the
Members of the Neerlandia
Seniors Club.

Passed away on the 3rd of March.

Riet van Emden

A long-time Neerlandia Member.
Sincere Condolences from the
Members of the Thursday Night Card
Club and Sunday Drive Players.

Passed away on the 3rd of March.

Karel Nissen

One of Neerlandia's
Foundation Members;
a Neerlandia Life Member,
past Treasurer and President.
Sincere Condolences from the
Members of the Thursday Night Card
Club, the Hollandia Billiard Club
and the Sandgropers Carnival Club.



May they Rest in Peace.

To the readers of the Neerlandia Magazine.

I am researching the history of my 90 year-old house in South Guildford.

My reason for making contact with Neerlandia is to follow up on a possible Dutch WWII connection. While we were replacing some of the floorboards in 2012, I found the remains of a Dutch Submarine Pennant half buried in the sand.

The following photos show a pristine Pennant from the Netherlands and the Pennant I found.



A pristine example of the same type of Pennant, sent to me by a very helpful gentleman at the Navy Museum in the Netherlands.



The rather sad example of the same type of Pennant I found under the floor boards.

Unfortunately, the name of the boat is missing. I have been told that the Pennant is a Souvenir and would have been produced here in Perth/Fremantle from existing standard artwork.

That is all I know about it.

I would be interested to find out how it ended up under the house. Was a Dutch submariner billeted here? The distance from Fremantle makes it unlikely I think, but my proximity to the railway line doesn't rule it out either. Or did someone who lived here strike up a friendship with a submariner? Or???

I would be very appreciative if any of your Members has any ideas about this or how I should go about finding out more information.

Many thanks and

Kind regards,

Julie Taylor.

Email: homeport@iinet.net.au

Sjoelen.

Some of our patrons are not familiar with the rules of sjoelen. Neerlandia will make sure that at the next M&W Borrel a copy of the rules are next to the "Sjoelbakken". Have fun!

Wanted: Sjoelbak.

Do you own a Sjoelbak but you don't really play any longer? Please contact Gerry Creemers, who is looking for one! Her phone number is: 9356 4207.

Handwerk Club.

Some of our Members have expressed an interest in starting a "Handwerk Club". This "Handwerk Club" would be a part of Neerlandia Seniors' Club, which meets once every two weeks on a Thursday. If you are interested, please contact Henk on: 9256 1977

NEERLANDIA JUNIOR'S CLUB.

Neerlandia is proud to announce that the Club now has the "Neerlandia Junior's Club" (NJC) – a Club for children of Neerlandia Members. Initially, this Club Membership for children is free and it will become a part of the Family Membership that Neerlandia hopes to introduce at the next AGM on 17 September. The purpose of this NJC membership is to create a sense of belonging to the Dutch Club amongst the younger Members of the Neerlandia "Family". And, obviously, there will be benefits for Members of the Juniors' Club.

Over the coming months we will keep you informed on the developments, however, if you are interested to have your child or grandchild joining, please don't hesitate to contact coordinator:

Machiel on mvdstelt@gmail.com

April Maas & Waal Borrel = Orange.

Every year we celebrate the Dutch Monarch's birthday during our April Maas & Waal Borrel. This year is no exception. We recommend that you come dressed in orange with your biggest smile.

For the children we have our traditional

"Vrijmarkt", when the kids sit on a blanket that



they brought from home, surrounded by toys and books. The idea is that kids either exchange or sell their toys and books.

Member's kids have free entry while non

-Members pay \$2.50 per child.

If you are interested to have your children participating, we suggest that you contact Machiel, the coordinator.

You can also contact Machiel if this is your first Vrijmarkt. Machiel can be contacted on:

mvdstelt@gmail.com

Make sure that you are at the Club on Friday the 28th of April!

Lianna.

The Maas & Waal Borrel Report

February Maas & Waal Drinks.

This was the first Maas & Waal Borrel (M&WB) since November, so we considered two scenarios for the night: Either very busy as everyone was eager to catch up again during this über relaxing function or due to the long break, people would have forgotten about it. The latter appeared to be the case.

We must have had seventy patrons visiting, who all got engaged in pleasant banter and catching up after the summer break.

It was good to see familiar faces; the low turn up gave organisers the chance to sit down, have a chat and to collect more 2017 Membership fees.

Dutch Community Radio was present as well with the most wonderful collection of CDs that they were selling for \$10 for 5 CDs. This opportunity for patrons to score excellent CDs for next to nothing is popular enough to be repeated during M&WBorrels to come – keep an eye on the announcements that are emailed to you on a monthly basis.

We also sold more copies of Dr Nonja Peter's fabulous book "A Touch of Dutch".

The February M&WB was also the introduction of Chef Trevor, the successor of Chef Rudi, who retired in December. Trevor is looking forward to meeting you and to provide you with good food and tasty borrelhapjes. We have already experienced his cooperation during a Kids' Movie Afternoon when he prepared the ever popular Kinder Menus.

Another great development is that Neerlandia will have its own Dutch speaking bar keeper! Machiel, a young father of two, got his RSA Certificate (Responsible Service of Alcohol) and is now ready to serve you, when you visit our Maas & Waal Borrel. Neerlandia welcomes Machiel warmly and we hope that his work will allow him to become a familiar face behind the bar: Machiel is looking forward to meeting you.

Furthermore, it looks as if you will be able to buy freshly baked stroopwafels, handmade by Linda & Robert of Treacle Treat, who, I dare say, became "Hofleveranciers" in October 2016, when they presented their product to King William-Alexander and Queen Maxima.

There is lots more to tell you about those evenings and I suggest that you drop in at the next Maas & Waal Borrel to experience this function yourselves. It may be a good idea to have a look at the advertised April Maas & Waal Borrel, which will be traditionally in orange.

See you there, in Orange we hope!

Lianna.



We welcome our new Kitchen Chef, Trevor.



Neerlandia's Seniors Club

Welcome to the Neerlandia's Seniors Club page.

You may ask yourself : Why do we get so many Members turning up at the Seniors Club meetings every time? **I will tell you why: They are having a ball playing carpet bowls, playing sjoelbakken, various cards games, board games like Rummikub and even billiards.** And besides all that, they also enjoy each others company, knowing that they all have a connection to, where most of us came from: **THE NETHERLANDS.** And we are proud of that. So it is important that you support your **DUTCH CLUB** by being there!!!!!!

On Thursday 27th of April we are going ORANGE. IT IS THE DUTCH KING'S BIRTHDAY, KING WILLEM - ALEXANDER!!!!!! ARE YOU JOINING US AT THE KING'S PARTY AT THE DUTCH CLUB??? Of course you are—————YES!!!!

51 Members on Thursday 2nd March.

57 Members on Thursday 16th March.



Upcoming Neerlandia Functions

Upcoming Functions.



Neerlandia is happy to announce the following functions:

Sunday 9 April.

Easter Brunch. (Doors open 10.30)

Neerlandia Members \$5 - Guests \$25.

Please buy tickets before 2 April 2017.

Friday 28 April. (5.30 pm)

Annual Orange Maas & Waal Borrel.

Including Vrijmarkt for children from 5.30 – 8pm.

Registration for Vrijmarkt: **Machiel van der Stelt** (mvdstelt@gmail.com)

Sunday 30 April.

Neerlandia Kids' Function.

Registration and details: **Machiel vd Stelt** mvdstelt@gmail.com

Sunday 14 May. (12.30pm)

Mother's Day Lunch. (See page 12)

A lovely opportunity to spoil your Mother, your Oma, your Auntie
or any lovely lady in your life.

There is a choice of a two course meal (\$25.50 per head) or a three course meal
(\$31.50 per head).

For bookings please phone Deonne at the RDC Office: **9330 6488 or 9317 1708.**

Please remember that booking is essential and needs to be done by **8 May.**

Sunday 28 May.

Neerlandia Family Day.

Registration and details: **Machiel vd Stelt**
mvdstelt@gmail.com

Sunday 11 June.

Neerlandia Annual Dinner / Awards Night.

For the Neerlandia Member of the Year.

Details closer to the date.

Sunday 18 June.

Neerlandia Kids' Function.

Registration and details: **Machiel vd Stelt**
mvdstelt@gmail.com

Mothers Day Lunch & The Dutch Language School

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

On Sunday 14 May at 12.30pm

A lovely opportunity to spoil your Mother, your Oma, your Auntie or any lovely Lady in your life.

There is a choice of a two-course meal (\$25.50 per head) or a three-course one (\$31.50 per head).

For bookings please phone the RDC: [9330 6488](tel:93306488) or [9317 1708](tel:93171708).

Please remember that booking is essential and needs to be done before 8 May.

Enjoy!



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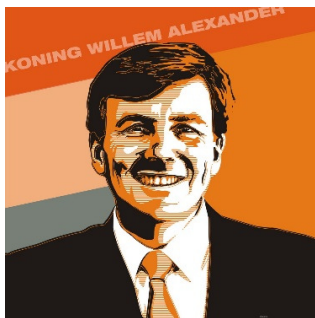
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MAAS EN WAAL BORREL

28 APRIL 5.30 – 9.00pm

Vrij Toegang.

KONINGSDAG!

Koning Willem Alexander celebrates his 50th Birthday!

Wij organiseren ook een vrijmarkt waar kinderen hun tweedehands speelgoed kunnen verkopen of ruilen.

We are organising a traditional “Free Market” where kids can sell or exchange their good secondhand toys

Vrijmarkt van 6 – 8.00pm, 110 North Lake Road, Myaree

Ongeveer 20 kinderen!

RESEVEER NU!

Breng een kleedje om hun speelgoed op te zetten.
Dan kan je kind het verkopen voor een paar dollar of ruilen voor ander speelgoed.
Leden gratis deelname.
Niet-leden \$2.50 per child.

About 20 kids

RESERVE NOW!

Bring a blanket for the kids to display their toys.
The kids can then sell it for a few dollars or swap with the other kids there.
Members Free.
Non-Members \$2.50 per child.

Vind je dit een goed idee?

Neem dan contact op met Machiel op: mvdstelt@gmail.com
om een plekje te reserveren.

If you like this idea, then please contact Machiel on: mvdstelt@gmail.com
to reserve a spot.

Leuk dat je komt, tot de 28^e april.

Looking forward to see you there.



Sunday Klaverjas Drive results & Members Birthdays

Sunday Klaverjas Drive Results.

The March Sunday Card Drive was held on the 12th of March.

We had 26 people, this meant 6 playing tables, which was a great turnout.

We were very pleased to see Jenny Kievit being present. Four years ago she left Perth and moved to Albany, where she has lived since.

She came to Perth for a break and has been staying with Joke and Piet Leeftang.

She seemed to thoroughly enjoy playing a few games of Klaverjas just like old times and she also thoroughly relished catching up with lots of her Perth friends & acquaintances.

Also with us was Mrs Beppie Banken, who has been absent through illness and now resides in the Howard Solomon Retirement Village and she was also able to come in a special taxi.

Unfortunately, we lost one of our playing Members which was Riet van Emden as well of one of our former Members Karel Nissen after a long illness. Both of them passed away on the very same day recently, so we had a one minute silence for them.

As usual, competition was fierce and the winners were:

1st Prize	Piet Leeftang	6863 points
2nd Prize	Piet Segers	6583 points
3rd Prize	Joke Leeftang	6562 points

Some people were a little bit disappointed with the luncheon and thought \$7.50 a bit steep for what was presented.

But I do think that we were rather spoiled by Rudi, the previous cook, and Trevor has a hard act to follow.

I will try to at least get wholemeal bread, rather than the white bread we were served.

Hope to see you all at the next Sunday Drive on 2nd April.

Gerry.



Prize winners l.t.r: Piet Segers, second prize; Joke Leeftang, 3rd prize and Piet Leeftang the 1st prize.

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of April 2017.**

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**



Ben	Stoffels
Paul	Zuijdgeest
Louise	Chatburn-de Graaff
Erna	Luitjens
Barbera	Penello
Irvine	Spence
Freek	Bijlsma
John	Norder
Peter	Raayen
Leonie	Willson
Dora	van der List
Ria	Plate
Anne	High
Mia	Boshart
Jacoba	van Emden
Henk	Ekamper
Tini	Swart
Peter	Meinema
Wim	Deugd
Henk	Oorschot
Dirk	Heistek
Sonja	van der Feltz



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To make changes to the above you need to send an E-mail to the following:

Membership Administration.

E-mail address:

neerlandia@iinet.net.au

Report on the Magic Family Day

Neerlandia's Magic Family Day.

The Neerlandia Junior's Club is proud to announce that the second event, organized this year for Children and Families, was a great success.

This is a very encouraging sign and gives us motivation to continue to do our best for our Junior Members, their Families and others, who are interested in these activities.

On March 19th, a group of more than 20 children (most of whom are our Neerlandia Junior Members) and about 15 Parents, ascended on the



Rhein Donau Club to enjoy a day full of Magic. For this occasion we had arranged for Lorraine to give a Magic Show.

Lorraine's show was filled with laughter and enthusiastic participation from the children on or off the stage. We have seen the classic trick of the disappearing handkerchief in the hand, the wobbly Magic Wand, to other astounding handkerchief tricks.

We also met the naughty rabbit Hamish; that



rabbit had a trick or two up his sleeve; and fooled Lorraine the Magician on many occasions. After the show many of the visitors enjoyed a great lunch prepared by our Chef Trevor. This great day ended with the children enjoying some board and other games; whilst the parents got a chance to socialize.

We would like to thank Eric van Waaijenburg and Lianna Parker for their tireless support and help; also we would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents, who helped us with the games and for making the effort to take part in our event.

We, of course, also thank the Magician Lorraine, she did a terrific and fun-filled job. We know one of her tricks; her audio speaker has Magic Power, because it doesn't need to be plugged into the powergrid.

**Neerlandia Junior Club Team,
Machiel van der Stelt & Erik Loose.**



Bingo at the Rhein Donau Club in the “Edelweis Hall”



B I N G O—WEDNESDAY—B I N G O

Day Games only: 5th and 19th of April.
3rd, 17th and 31st of May.

Game starts at 11 am——Doors open at 10 am.



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ARE YOU GOING TO JOIN US AT THE NEXT BINGO GAME??



Bingo Game: Wednesday 22nd February.
A record so far with 17 players and the result was: **MUCH HIGHER BINGO PRIZES!!!!**

Bingo Game: Wednesday 8th March.
With only 15 players we still had a great day and there were some good prizes won by all.

B I N G O B U L L E T I N . *From your friendly Bingo Organiser.*

The number of Bingo players enjoying Bingo has increased this year and the result is that much bigger prizes have been paid. On Wednesday the 22nd February, someone played for free and that was **EMMA BOEKHOUT**, and on Wednesday the 8th of March, **NELLY NOORMAN** also played for free. It was great to see their excitement!!!!

Additional to that, the Jackpot climbed to the basic amount of \$45.-, with the game of the day, it would be \$60.— **PLEASE NOTE:** Every time we have 16 or more players at the game, the Jackpot increases by a further \$10.— **EXITING, YES!!!!!!**

At the Neerlandia Committee Meeting on Tuesday 14th March, we came a step closer to implementing the Sponsorship moneys to the various Sub-Clubs, we are nearly there!!!!

A VERY EXCITING TIME AHEAD.

.....MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE PART OF IT!!!!!!

Henk Oorschot 9256 1977

Social activities at the Rhein Donau Club

Some useful information about the Rhein-Donau Club.

The Rhein-Donau Club was established 1958 and has been operational in Perth since 1959 at its present premises in Myaree. The Club has been established with its prime objective to provide a facility for people from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands and other Europeans and residents from Western Australia, who enjoy the culture, music, culinary delights and customs of countries embraced by the two major rivers of Europe; namely Rhine and Danube.

The Rhein-Donau Club is a non-profit, non-denominational and non-political organisation and is operated by volunteers. All money raised are channelled to the maintenance and improvements of the Club facilities, promotion of educational and cultural activities and assist the care of aging Club Members.



Welcome to the Rhein-Donau Club!

- We hold regular Saturday night dances with a live band from 6:30pm to midnight.
- German Cuisine and Drinks.
- We hire out our facilities for your private parties, conventions or meetings.
- We celebrate Oktoberfest every Friday and Saturday in October.

Events planned for April at the Rhein-Donau Club.

Saturday 1 Apr	6.30	Black & White Dance - DJ Brian & Floorshows	\$10 and \$15
Saturday 8 Apr	6.30	Club Social - DJ Brian	Free
Saturday 15 Apr	6.30	Easter Dance— West Coast Rhythm	\$10 and \$12
Saturday 22 Apr	6.30	Club Dance - Aerotec	\$10 and \$12
Friday 28 Apr	5.30	Orange Maas & Waal Borrel	Free
Sunday 30 Apr	10.00	Frühschoppen—Beer Garden	Free

Events planned for May at the Rhein-Donau Club.

Saturday 6 May	6.30	May Dance - Alpen Duo	\$10 and \$12
Sunday 14 May	12.30	Mothers Day Luncheon	
Two-course meal \$25.50 per head or a three-course meal \$31.50 per head.			

Apart from the events mentioned above, the RDC clubhouse is open for drinks and meals at the following times:

Bar:

Tuesday	from 6.30pm – 10.30pm
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Kitchen:

Wednesday	from 6.00 – 9.00pm
Friday	from 6.00 – 9.00pm
Saturday	from 6.30 – 10.30pm
Sunday	from 2.30 – 8.00pm

The Bar is closed on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Kitchen is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

May a little bit of Humour Light up your Day

Danger of the 60th High School Reunion.

He was a widower and she a widow. They had known each other for a number of years, having been High School classmates and having attended Class Reunions in the past, without fail.

This 60th anniversary of their Class, the widower and the widow made a foursome with two other singles. They had a wonderful evening, their spirits high, with the widower throwing admiring glances across the table . . . and the widow smiling coyly back at him. Finally during one dance, he picked up courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?"

After about 6 seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes.... yes I will!"

Needless to say, the evening ended on a happy note for the widower. However, the next morning he was troubled. Did she say "Yes!" or did she say "No?" He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. He went over-and-over the conversation of the previous evening, but his mind was blank. He remembered asking the question, but for the life of him could not recall her response.

With fear and trepidation, he picked up the phone and called her. First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the past evening. As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No?'"

"Why you silly man," she replied, "I said 'Yes. Yes I will!' And I meant it with all my heart!"

The widower was delighted. He felt his heart skip a beat.

Then she continued. "And I'm so glad you called, because I couldn't remember, who asked me!"



The rain was pouring down.

There standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub, was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water. A passer-by stopped and asked: "What are you doing?"

"Fishing" replied the old man." Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says: "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me." In the warmth of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman cannot resist asking: "So how

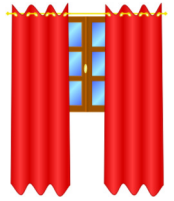


many have you caught today?" "You're the eighth," says the old man.

Friendly advice.

Joe says to Paddy: "Close your curtains the next time you're making love to your wife. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday."

Paddy says: "Well the joke's on them, because I wasn't even at home yesterday."



Slow Golf.

A Catholic Priest an Indian Doctor, a Rich Chinese business man and an Aussie were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers in front of them.

The Aussie fumed; "What's with those blokes? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes."

The Indian doctor chimed in: "I don't know, but I've never seen such poor golf."

The Chinese business man called out: "Move it, Time is Money."

The Catholic priest said: "Here comes George the Green's Keeper. Let's have a word with him."

"Hello, George what's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow aren't they?"

George the Green's Keeper replied: "Them, yes, that's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight in an explosion, while saving our Clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."

The group fell silent for a moment.

The Catholic priest said: "That's so sad, I think I'll say a special prayer for them tonight."

The Indian Doctor said: "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The Chinese Business man replied: "I think I'll donate \$50,000 to the Fire Brigade, in honour of these brave souls!"

The Aussie said: "Why can't they play at night?"



The big Sissy.

One summer evening, during a violent thunderstorm, a mother tucked her son into bed.

"Mom, I want you to sleep with me tonight."

Mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug and said: "I can't dear, I have to sleep in Daddy's room". A long silence was broken by a shaky little voice: "The big sissy".



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The Fortification Town of Valkenburg



Flag.



Coat of Arms.

Valkenburg aan de Geul is a Municipality situated in the SouthEastern Dutch province of Limburg. The Town of Valkenburg is positioned centrally in the Municipality.

History:

Sieges and conquests have been the recurrent theme in the history of the Town of Valkenburg, especially in connection with **Valkenburg Castle**, the seat of the

Counts of Valkenburg (or Falkenburg).

It was here that Beatrice of Falkenburg grew up and in 1269, at the age of 15, married 60-year-old Richard of Cornwall, King of the Holy Roman Empire.

In December 1672, the Castle was once again destroyed this time by Dutch troops led by William III, trying to prevent the armies of Louis XIV of France from capturing it, however, the Castle was never to be rebuilt.

The remaining ruins are a popular tourist attraction.

In the 19th century, because of the natural beauty of the area,

Valkenburg became a sought-after holiday destination for the well-to-do in the Netherlands.

During the Second World War, Valkenburg was occupied by Nazi-Germany for four years, four months and one week. The Town was liberated on 17 September 1944 by the American 30th Infantry Division.

Tourism:

Tourism developed, especially when in 1853 the Railway from Maastricht to Heerlen and Aachen opened. Valkenburg Railway Station is the oldest surviving station in the Netherlands.

In the beginning of the 20th century, well-known Dutch architect Pierre Cuypers lived in Valkenburg for several years. He helped to develop tourism by designing a hotel, an open-air theater and a copy of the Catacombs of Rome was built in man-made Caves.

Valkenburg is no longer a fortified Town but it has largely retained its historical charm, although the Town was overwhelmed by mass tourism in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. It was more than 1 million overnight stays per year.

The present aim of the Council of Valkenburg is to move away from mass tourism, and emphasize the natural and historical beauty of the Town and its surrounds, and in order to attract more "quality tourism" a plan was made, called: "Fortification Town Valkenburg".

Included in the plans were the rebuilding of Geulpoort, a 14th-century Town Gate, the restoration of two other Town Gates and the reconstruction of the defensive moat along the Medieval wall in Halderpark.



Catacombs of Rome in the grottos under the Cauberg Hill. They were formed by the removal of Marl, used for building materials.



The oldest Railway Station in the Netherlands.



Panorama of Valkenburgs 'natural landscape and rolling hills

The Fortification Town of Valkenburg

Schaloen Castle:

The Castle was first mentioned in 1375 and in 1381 it was noted that it was partly owned by the Knights Johan Struver van Hoelsbergh (or Hulsberg) and Geraerdt Mulaerdt. In 1400 Johan became the full owner and the Castle stayed within his family for the next one and a half century.

During the 1550's the Castle was destroyed by Spanish troops. In 1650 the ruined Castle came in the hands of Johan Reinier Hoen van Cartiels, who rebuilt it. The present Rastle is built out of marl.

Through marriage the Castle came in possession of the De Villers Masbourg-family. In 1894 the Castle was restored, in a neo-Gothic style, by the famous Dutch architect dr. PHJ. Cuypers who also built the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam and rebuilt the "Den Haar Castle". The last owner of noble descent; a countess, left the Castle in 1934.

In later years it was used as a school and then stood empty for quite some years. But at present it is used as a Museum, holiday houses and a hotel. There is also a restaurant in the gate building on the bailey. The entire complex is moated.



Cycling:

Valkenburg is famous for its Cycling Events. The Town has hosted the UCI Road Cycling World Championship a record five times, in 1938, 1948, 1979 and 1998 and again in 2012.

Since 2003, the Town's killer, Cauberg Hill, has been the finish of the Amstel Gold Race. The Tour de France had a stage finish in Valkenburg in 1992 and again in 2006.

The Cauberg Cyclo-cross is part of the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup.



Christmas Shopping in the Grottos.

Shopping:

The redevelopment of the town's shopping district was finished in 2016 and the results are very "Gezellig".

The spectacular man-made Caves, Tunnels and Grottos under Valkenburg are used for two purposes. Most of the year they can be visited by taking part in guided tours.

However, at Christmas time, the Caves are transformed into spectacular Christmas Markets.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.



Valkenburg gets ready for shopping tourists as soon as the sun comes out.

Code-breaker and Sudoku Puzzles

2	25	13	22	24	5	4		14	24	2	6	18	25	3
9		22		22		12		4		22		4		25
11	4	5	18	2	6	24	16	26		2	9	16	22	12
25		9		6		22		12		7		15		4
16	4	20	25		5	23	6	24	17	5	9	4	23	6
21		2		7		3		16		9				25
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26				11		15		19		2		18		22
7	11	5	18	24	2	S	O	P	11	1		3	22	26
25		10		7		18		25		21		25		14
6	22	18	2	4		15	25	23	10	25	4	23	9	25
22		24		6		25		9		2		21		9
2	26	24	6	11	25	16		25	17	6	16	4	9	6

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column, but each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku - Easy #21

4			9				5	
		1					7	3
	9		1		6	8		4
			2	4				
3		2				6	1	
5	7	9	6			3		
	3		7	6	1			
1				2				
	6	5			4	7		

Sudoku - Moderate #21

6	2			3			1	8
	4							2
7		1						
8		3	1					9
		6			2	7		
	1		8			4	3	
9	3			1				7
5			6				4	
				8		2		

CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number.

For this puzzle only the **first three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these letters throughout the puzzle first and then start guessing your first word.

If you are unsure, use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out you can erase and start again.

The last Codebreaker was reasonably easy and once you found the words: Blubber, Emblem and Notebook, you were well on the way to solve it. The letter code solution for last month's Codebreaker was as follows:

A=1; B=8; C=23; D=21; E=16; F=25; G=14; H=4; I=5; J=17; K=6; L=7; M=22; N=9; O=19; P=10; Q=24; R=3; S=15; T=26; U=13; V=12; W=11; X=18; Y=20; Z=2.

Last month's Easy Sudoku 20 solution

7	4	2	3	1	5	6	8	9
1	9	3	8	4	6	2	7	5
8	5	6	7	9	2	4	3	1
4	6	7	2	5	1	3	9	8
2	3	5	9	6	8	1	4	7
9	8	1	4	3	7	5	6	2
6	2	9	1	8	3	7	5	4
3	7	4	5	2	9	8	1	6
5	1	8	6	7	4	9	2	3

Last month's Moderate Sudoku 20 solution

4	3	9	2	7	6	1	5	8
8	1	5	9	3	4	6	7	2
2	6	7	5	8	1	9	3	4
7	9	2	6	1	5	8	4	3
1	4	3	7	9	8	2	6	5
5	8	6	4	2	3	7	9	1
3	5	8	1	6	7	4	2	9
6	2	4	8	5	9	3	1	7
9	7	1	3	4	2	5	8	6

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